

REMARKS

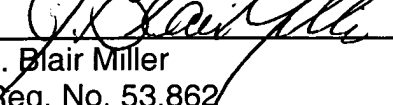
Claims 1-10 are now pending in the application. Pursuant the Office Action of December 20, 2005, Applicants have, without traverse, elected Group I to continue prosecution under this application, as required under 37 CFR 1.499. Specifically, Group I is directed towards Claims 1-10. Applicants respectfully withdraw Claims 11-20 without prejudice, should Applicants later wish to seek divisional patent protection derived from the non-elected species. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that Applicants have addressed Examiner's election request in full. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is further believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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